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Air Mail

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Dear Dr. Juhasz:

Thank you for your letter of December 26. I am sure you realize how distressed we are at the blood shed in your country. You have our hopes for an early return to suitable conditions for the resumption of your fundamental scientific studies.

It would be a matter of great interest to me to be able to offer you an opportunity to spend some time in my laboratory. I am looking forward to receiving your publication which has not yet arrived. My second hand knowledge of them encourages my belief that we are making very similar types of experiments. Until I have had a chance to study them, I, of course, will not be able to say anything about our respective conclusions.

Unfortunately we have not yet succeeded in demonstrating anything of new genetic interest with the protoplast or L colonies of E. coli. I will shortly send you a progress report that will give you some idea of the status of our present investigations. For the present we are concentrating on morphological and biological aspects of behavior in order to have a sounder basis for extension of physiological and genetic work.

All I can say with regard to your coming here is that I will be very happy to hear from you at any time that other conditions would make such a visit feasible. We will have to work out problems of availability of space in the laboratory and financial support for you at that time. Meanwhile I hope we can keep each other informed of the progress of our scientific investigations.

Yours sincerely,

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